

Program Builds Volunteer Leaders

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — When people get involved with community issues, they can influence decisions affecting government, education, public safety and other matters that directly impact their lives. But how do you take that first step toward getting involved?

The Family Community Leadership (FCL) program, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative Extension Associations, teaches leadership skills to help people deal effectively with community issues.

"Program participants learn how to make their voices heard in local decision making," said Debra Gregory, state FCL coordinator. "They discover that they can have a lot of influence."

The leadership program is recruiting teams to participate in the 1992 State FCL Training Institute to be held two weekends in March and April in Lamar.

Ten county teams are to be selected to participate in the 1992 State FCL Training Institute to be

held during two weekend sessions March 6-7 and April 3-4, in Lamar, Centre County. For information about becoming a volunteer on a Family Community Leadership training team, contact your local Penn State Cooperative Extension office.

"We organize teams composed of one county extension agent and up to three volunteers," said Gregory. "These teams receive 30 hours of instruction in leadership and communication, group processes, issue analysis, teaching methods, volunteerism and public policy."

Training teams then spend up to 96 hours during the year educating citizens according to local needs. They reach out to single parents, homemakers, youths and organizations such as church groups and

Red Cross chapters.

"The teams teach citizens how to organize and work in groups, manage meetings, delegate responsibility, handle conflicts, take leadership roles and speak in public," said Gregory. "These skills can be used in many community situations."

FCL originated as a cooperative effort between extension and volunteer organizations. Pennsylvania's program began in March 1990 with a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant.

In 1990, teams worked in Adams, Allegheny, Bedford, Clarion, Crawford, Dauphin, Indiana, Warren and Westmoreland counties. In 1991, the program expanded to Clearfield, Columbia, Delaware, Forest, Jefferson, Greene, Lebanon and Tioga counties.



Shown with their 1992 Pennsylvania Farm Show egg competition awards are, from the left, Ken Fisher and Glenn Sauder (kneeling), and Tom Fox and Guy Martin.

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Sauder's Eggs Dominate Farm Show Competition

LITITZ (Lancaster Co.) — Again in 1992, Sauder's Eggs of Lititz, Lancaster County, dominated the egg competition at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Sauder's was eligible to enter 14 of the 20 contest categories. Of the 14 entries, 13 captured first place awards. The exception placed second.

Perhaps the most difficult test of egg quality comes in the broken-out class, where judges actually break open two dozen eggs and carefully scrutinize their interior quality.

Sauder's entries were judged tops in both white and brown categories.

In addition to the two top awards in the broken out class, Sauder's captured all four top awards (one dozen white, one dozen brown, five dozen white, five dozen brown) in the producer carton and pack class. They also swept the four top awards in the packers carton and pack class.

In the commercial class, Sauder's entries captured three of the four top awards, finishing second in the one dozen white egg competition.

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FFA HAPPENINGS

Lancaster County FFA Evaluates Student Record Books

Lancaster County FFA sponsored the County Record Book Contest on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Record books were evaluated in various categories according to the type and scope of the student's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects.

The books which competed at the county level are now eligible for state level competition at Penn State University

The results of the county contest are:

- Single Enterprise: 1. (Gold) Jen Ulrich, Solanco; 2. (Gold) Gail Myers, Ephrata; 3. (Silver) Doug Garman, Ephrata.
- Two Enterprises: 1. (Gold) Rodney Althoff, Solanco; 2. (Gold) Jodi England, Solanco; 3. (Gold) Wade Estenshade, Garden Spot.
- Three Enterprises: 1. (Gold) Brian Zug, Solanco; 2. (Silver) Emily Zug, Solanco; 3. (Silver) Jesse Miller, Garden Spot.
- Four Enterprises: 1. (Gold) Matt Welk, Solanco; 2. (Gold) Josh Troxell, Garden Spot.
- Five Enterprises: 1. (Gold) Jill Hamish, Solanco; 2. (Silver) Tom Herr, Solanco.
- Six Enterprises: 1. (Gold) Betsy Pownall, Solanco.
- On-Farm Work Experience: 1. (Gold) Jason Reifnyder, Garden Spot; 2. (Silver) Patty Huber, Solanco; 3. (Bronze) Patrick Zimmerman, Garden Spot.
- Off-Farm Work Experience: 1. (Gold) Scott Redcay, Garden Spot; 2. (Gold) Jenny Ross, Solanco; 3. (Gold) Chris Long, Garden Spot.
- Wildlife Conservation Project: 1. (Gold) Andrea Snader, Garden Spot; 2. (Gold) Cliff Sauder, Garden Spot; 3. (Silver) Sherman Stoltzfus, Garden Spot.
- Junior Projects (1st year members completing project before Dec. 31): 1. (Gold) Linda Huber, Garden Spot; 2. (Silver) Cheryl Weaver, Garden Spot; 3. (Bronze) Megan Fredenck, Garden Spot.

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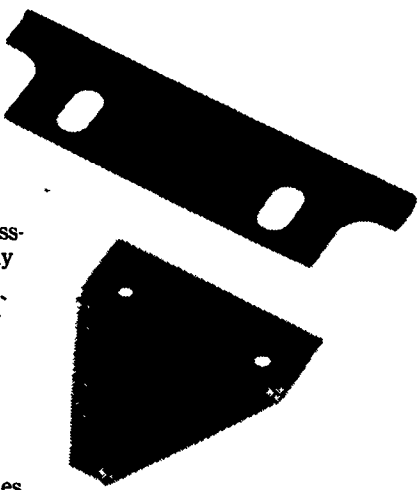
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